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**“The Legacy of Ferdinand Brader: Drawings of Rural Ohio and Pennsylvania.”**

The Little Art Gallery will host several pieces in the multi-gallery exhibition

NORTH CANTON, Ohio, October 29, 2014 – The Little Art Gallery of the North Canton Public Library is one of three Stark County locations to showcase pieces from the Brader collection as part of the retrospective exhibition “The Legacy of Ferdinand Brader: Drawings of Rural Ohio and Pennsylvania.” The exhibit will be on display in the Little Art Gallery December 4, 2014 through January 8, 2015, with an opening reception and gallery talk December 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Kathleen Wieschaus-Voss, Brader exhibit curator, will deliver the December 11 lecture in the Little Art Gallery. Wieschaus-Voss has spent the past three years researching the fascinating story of Ferdinand Brader’s life and locating his unparalleled large-scale pencil drawings that preserve history. Through her dedication, we’ve learned that Brader traveled extensively throughout Stark and surrounding counties drawing rural areas, primarily farms, in the late 1800’s. The artist numbered each farm drawing and included property information details such as the owner’s name at the bottom of his pieces. According to braderexhibit.com, 215 of 980 drawings have been located. “Brader’s artwork gives historians a new look at the time period. It offers perspective depth to our understanding of American, specifically Stark County, history. We are honored to be displaying his work,” explained Elizabeth Blakemore, Little Art Gallery curator.

Brader drawings currently reside in collections at museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art to the Canton Museum of Art and the McKinley Museum. Many pieces are privately owned by individuals. Recently, at the Northeast Auction’s Annual Summer Americana Auction in New Hampshire, Brader’s drawing #521 of a Stark County residence sold for \$11,400.

In addition to the exhibit on display beginning December 4 in the Little Art Gallery, the Canton Museum of Art and the William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum will host concurrent exhibits.

- The Canton Museum of Art, 1001 Market Ave. N., Canton, Ohio, will focus on the life story of the artist and display a major retrospective of Brader’s work from Pennsylvania to Ohio. This display opens December 4.

- Ferdinand Brader’s love of trains will be highlighted in the Ohio drawings displayed at The William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, 800 McKinley Monument Drive, Canton, Ohio. This exhibit opens December 5.

- A collection of Brader’s colorful Stark County drawings, some with one-room school houses, will be featured at the Little Art Gallery, located within the North Canton Public Library, 185 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio. This exhibit opens December 4 with opening reception December 11.

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